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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re	Application of:)		
	Gao et al.)	Examiner:	Rose, R.
Serial No.: 09/904,981)	Art Unit:	3723
Filing Date: July 12, 2001)		
For:	POLISHING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT)))		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND RCE

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, and coincident with the RCE filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. Please consider the following amendments and remarks for allowance of the above-identified patent application.

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